

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am new to the cell phone craze, my wife and I have just recently purchased Tracphones to use for emergencies if needed. The area that we live in does not as yet contain any kind of signal for the phones but two towers are going up and are due to be activated soon. I never wanted a cell phone because of the high cost, even the prepaid phones that we have are outrageously expensive to keep minutes on them. I have been paying my taxes for many years and even though I find that most taxes are very unfair and unrepresented, I along with everybody else continue to pay them regardless. This is what the Government counts on. This new tax increase on phones is just like most other tax increases, it is aimed to take more and more money away from the hard-working people who are struggling to make it in this Country, and it caters to the corporate side of America. I don't understand and never have understood that when the Government needs more money they always go after the little people first. I can't afford for these phones to be any more expensive than they already are, if this tax increase goes through then I'm afraid I will have to just stop using the phones and I will have wasted allot of money that I used to purchase them in the first place. This kind of financial rape on the hardworking people of this country needs to stop somewhere. The days of the constitution "Of the people, For the people, by the people" seem to be long gone. it is not the people running this Nation through the Government, it is the Government running this Nation regardless of the suffering of the people and every day it gets less and less "For the people". There are no places for the people to go and cast their vote on things of this nature, so this is my vote and I vote against more taxation on something that is already barely affordable. I pray that you will make the right decision and help give a little bit of "Say" back to the people.

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers

the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan.
Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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